GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Sri K. Rajasekhara Rao, District Forest Officer, Krishna District, Machilipatnam, earlier worked as Divisional Forest Officer, Logging Division, Rajahmundry of Rajahmundry Circle, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 –Warned to be more careful in future while discharging his duties – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.73 **Dated:10.11.2023**

Read the following:

1) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.13488/2017/Vig-1, dated 03.08.2021.
2) G.O.Rt.No.97, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 09.11.2021.
3) From Sri K. Rajasekhara Rao, Deputy Conservator of Forests/Deputy Director, A.P. State Forest Academy, Rajamahendravaram, written statement of defense, dated 15.12.2021.
4) G.O.Rt.No.11, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 14.02.2022.
5) G.O.Rt.No.12, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 14.02.2022.
6) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Lr.Ref.No.13488/2017/A&DC-3, dated 26.07.2023.
7) Memo.No.1489/Sec.IV/A1/2021, EFS&T (Sec.IV) Dept., dated 11.08.2023.
8) From Sri K. Rajasekhara Rao, District Forest Officer, Krishna District, written representation, dated 21.09.2023.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 2nd read above, the departmental proceedings were initiated against Sri K. Rajasekhara Rao, Deputy Conservator of Forests/Deputy Director, A.P. Forest Academy, Rajamahendravaram, earlier worked as Divisional Forest Officer, Logging Division, Rajamahendravaram of Rajahmundry Circle, by issuing Article of Charge, under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charge on 07.12.2021 and submitted his written statement of defense vide reference 3rd read above. Not satisfying with the explanation of the Charged Officer, orders have been issued in G.Os 4th and 5th read above, appointing Dr. K. Gopinatha, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Vigilance), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri as Inquiry Officer and Sri S. Saravanan, Chief Conservator of Forests, Rajahmundry Circle as Presenting Officer respectively, for conducting the regular inquiry.

3. The Inquiry Officer & Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Vigilance), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri has completed the inquiry and submitted his findings through the letter 6th read above,

4. In the Memo., 7th read above, the findings of the Inquiry Officer were communicated to the Charged Officer, under Rule 21 (2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 inviting his representation. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of findings of the Inquiry Officer and submitted his written representation vide reference 8th read above.

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5. After careful examination of the matter with reference to findings of the Inquiry Officer and written representation of the Charged Officer, it has been observed that the essential issue is of unrest among the subordinates due to high targets etc., which aggravated to the level of going on mass casual leave due to mishandling of the situation by the Charged Officer. The Charged Officer should have handled the issues better and also brought the entire issue to the higher authorities for corrective measures, which could have pacified the situation and as there is no financial loss to Government, it has been decided to warn Sri K. Rajasekhara Rao, District Forest Officer, Krishna District, Machilipatnam. Accordingly, Government hereby warn Sri K. Rajasekhara Rao, District Forest Officer, Krishna District, Machilipatnam, who earlier worked as Divisional Forest Officer, Logging Division, Rajahmundry of Rajahmundry Circle to be more careful in future while discharging his duties.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Individual through the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri. (With original connected case record i.e., CF, Rajahmundry Circle File No.M8 containing Pages-170)

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